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CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, PROJECTS IN GDR

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

The VEB (People-Owned Enterprise) Berlin Salvage Plant was newly established at the beginning of 1951, in connection with the reorganization of the people-owned construction industry, for the purpose of providing construction materials for the fulfillment of the 1951 construction plan. The main task of this plant is to salvage structural steel, a material in very short supply. Since it has been in operation, the plant has salvaged 30,000 tons of structural steel, which were supplied to the VEB construction plants.(1)

One of the most modern people-owned roofing-tile factories in the GDR went into operation at the beginning of 1952 in Buchwäldchen, near Calau, Kreis Senftenberg. The plant will aid in the realization of the large-scale government construction program. Annual production is scheduled to be several million ridge tiles as early as 1952. It is planned to increase production still more in the third year of the Five-Year Plan by expanding the drying installation.(2)

Two brickworks in the GDR, "Hof zum Felde," in Kreis Grevesmühlen, and Altentreptov, increased their brick output by using the rapid-firing method (Schnellbrennmethode) developed by Soviet worker Davanov. The Grevesmühlen Brickworks doubled its output, and the Altentreptov Brickworks increased its daily production from 12,000 to 18,000 tons.(3)

The following plants likewise derived benefits from the application of the rapid firing method: The Bruckdorf Brickworks increased its output 18 percent.(4) In October 1951 the VEB Hecklingen Brick Steam Works increased its output by 67 percent (or 800,000 bricks).(5) The Greiz-Schoenfeld Brickworks fulfilled its 1951 quota 118.5 percent, which was 50 percent higher than its 1949 quota.(6)

The Magistrat of Greater Berlin provided 500 million Deutsche marks for construction work in East Berlin during 1951. Approximately 46,000 Deutsche marks were used by the East Berlin construction industry in the fall of 1951, as compared with 24,500 Deutsche marks during the first part of 1949.(7)

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The HO (Trade Organization) in Rostock is building the largest, most modern department store in the GDR. The five-story building, with a front of 176 meters, will have 22 large display windows.(8)

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